

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

April 11, 2022

In person and via Zoom

Attendees

In person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Curt Smith	KM6HFT

Via Zoom:

Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Don Simon	NI6A
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Katie Carney	KN6APB

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

Training and Operations

- April 30th SET preparation, registration form
- Digital Net report
- relative to digital SET activity

New business / Calendar of Events

- April 30th SET
- 2022 Field Day June 25, coordination with EBARC

- El Cerrito July 4th

Old business

- MOU update

Outreach/PR/web

Tech./Infrastructure

- Equipment maintenance team report
- New antenna/s and patch box/s planned for April

Elmering

- requests to elmer@karoecho.net

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

- 1st Wed., reports

Adjourn

Meeting called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the March meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda with an addition to include Katie Carney representing EBARC with plans for the upcoming Field Day.

Training session

SET Preparation

- A registration form for the SET is now on the KE website. Members are encouraged to respond quickly so the SET can be organized.
- The emphasis will be on portable operation using battery power.
- Tactical call signs will be used primarily because they indicate the location instead of the operator which is helpful with shift changes. FCC call signs should be used according to regulations as well.
- Some digital messages will be scheduled in addition to the voice messages.
- The KE modified ICS213 form will be used for scheduled messages. If an impromptu messages is sent it should still be written down before sending.
- If an inexperienced operator would like assistance we could match that person with an experienced operator.
- Operators stationed outside of El Cerrito and Kensington won't be scheduled to send messages to the El Cerrito EOC.
- The newsletter will be sent to those who may not know about the SET. Should we contact CERT graduates interested in radio? Inform the Kensington Fire Department? Submit date to the El Cerrito calendar?
- Non-participating hams could be informed so that they might listen in to the net.
- Howdy is seeking input concerning whether to continue with the same exercises or

- institute new ideas.
- Chief James may be able to provide access to the El Cerrito City Hall EOC room for the SET. Practice changing shifts at the EOC will require logistics planning. Usually a CERT ID card would be required for entry into the EOC but possibly not for this SET.

Business session

New business/Calendar of events

Field Day

- Field Day date is June 25
- EBARC would like to join us again this year. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to coordinate Field Day with EBARC again this year.
- This year members of either club can sign up to operate any station for more equal participation.
- A maximum of 2 call signs may be used for a Field Day location. An alternative is to request a special event call sign. It will need to be decided which club call sign will be used for which of the Field Day stations.
- We will have more time this year for more advanced planning to try to place antennas and antenna wires where they are less of a hazard to participants and visitors.

El Cerrito 4th of July

- The funding by contribution for the El Cerrito 4th of July event is looking like it will be successful.
- The fire department is OK with having us set up a table with them.

Old business

MOU

- The MOU is probably ready to be signed but we don't know whether it will be signed by the outgoing chief or the new chief.
- An MOU for Albany has been signed and resulted in free meeting space.

Outreach

- Already existing sign boards in storage could be used for PR for the SET.
- Is there a club budget for club identifying caps or vests?

Technical / Infrastructure / Maintenance

- Access to the El Cerrito City Hall for radio maintenance may be able to be provided by Chief James.
- It looks like El Cerrito has approved the needed additional antennas and patchboxes in city park locations, a follow-up with Bill Driscoll may still be needed.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.